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Shoji HAYASHIDA

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Group Art Unit: 2876

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure provisions of 37 CFR § 1.56, there is hereby provided certain information which the Examiner may consider material to the examination of the subject U.S. patent application. It is requested that the Examiner make this information of record if it is deemed material to the examination of the subject application.

1. Enclosures accompanying this Information Disclosure Statement are:

- 1a. Form PTO-1449.
- 1b. Copy of IDS citation.
- 1c. An English language copy of search report(s) from a counterpart foreign application or a PCT International Search Report.
- 1d. English language translation (complete or relevant portion(s)) attached to each non-English language publication.
- 1e. Explanations of Relevancy of References (ATTACHMENT 1(e), hereto).
- 1f. List of Related Patents and Copending Applications (ATTACHMENT 1(f), hereto).
- 1g. List of Additional Submitted Documents (ATTACHMENT 1(g), hereto).

2. This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 CFR §1.97(b):

(Check either Item 2a or 2b or 2c or 2d)

- 2a. Within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a Continued Prosecution Application under § 1.53(d);
- 2b. Within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in § 1.491 in an international application.
- 2c. Before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits; or
- 2d. Before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under § 1.114.

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3. This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 CFR § 1.97(c) after the period specified in paragraph 2 above but before the mailing date of any of a Final Office Action under § 1.113, a Notice of Allowance under § 1.311 or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, AND

(Check either Item 3a or 3b; Item 3b to be checked if any reference known for more than 3 months)

3a. The §1.97(e) Statement in Item 5 below is applicable; OR
3b. The \$180.00 fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is:
 enclosed.
 to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

4. This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 CFR §1.97(d) after the period specified in paragraph 3 above, but on or before payment of the Issue Fee, AND

4a. The § 1.97(e) Statement in Item 5 below is applicable; AND
4b. The \$180.00 fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is:
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 to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

5. Statement under § 1.97(e) (*applicable if Item 3a or Item 4 is checked*)

(Check either Item 5a or 5b)

5a. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(1), it is stated that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.
5b. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(2), it is stated that no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was known by any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

6. This is a continuation/divisional/continuation-in-part application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b).

(Check appropriate Items 6a and/or 6b)

6a. Copies of the publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 which were previously cited in prior application Serial No. ___, filed on ___, and which is relied on for an earlier effective filing date for the subject application under 35 U.S.C. § 120, have been omitted pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(d).
6b. Copies of the publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 which were not previously cited in prior application Serial No. ___, filed on ___, and

which is relied on for an earlier effective filing date for the subject application under 35 U.S.C. § 120, are provided herewith.

7. This is a continuation/divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(d) or Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114.

(Check either Item 7a or 7b)

7a. The Issue Fee has not been paid.
7b. A Petition to Withdraw from issue under 37 CFR §1.313(c) is filed concurrently herewith or has been granted. A continuation application under 37 CFR § 1.53(d) or Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114, after payment of the Issue Fee is proper in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.53(d)(1)(ii) or 37 CFR 1.114(a), respectively.

8. This is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

(Check either Item 8a or 8b)

8a. This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(f) supplements the Information Disclosure Statement filed on _____. A bona fide attempt was made to comply with 37 CFR § 1.98, but inadvertent omissions were made. These omissions have been corrected herein. Accordingly, additional time is requested so that this Supplemental IDS can be considered as if properly filed on _____.
8b. This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is timely filed within one (1) month of the Notice under 37 CFR § 1.97 and 1.98, mailed _____. (MPEP 609 C(1), Form ¶ 6.49, Rev. 1, Feb. 2000, pp. 600-107)

9. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98, a concise explanation of what is presently understood to be the relevance of each non-English language publication is:

(Check appropriate Items 9a, 9b, 9c and/or 9d)

9a. satisfied because all non-English language publications were cited on the enclosed English language copy of the PCT International Search Report or the search report from a counterpart foreign application indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office. (See U.S. Patent & Trademark Office's authorization in the Federal Register, Vol. 57, No. 12, January 17, 1992, at page 2031 (Reply to Comment 68).)
9b. set forth in the application.
9c. satisfied because an English language translation (complete or relevant portion(s)) is attached to each non-English language publication.
9d. enclosed as Attachment 1(e), hereto.

10. No admission is made that the information cited in this Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability nor a representation that a search has been made (other than search report(s) from a counterpart foreign application or a PCT International Search Report, if submitted herewith). 37 CFR §§ 1.97(g) and (h).

11. The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17 for this Information Disclosure Statement and/or Petition to Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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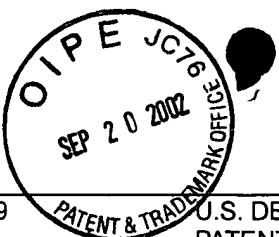
**ATTACHMENT 1(e)**

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	APPLICATION NO.
826.1034C2D2D2	09/616,969
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**EXPLANATIONS OF RELEVANCY
OF REFERENCES**

In the attached FORM PTO-1449, item AA corresponds to item AG and is disclosed as English translation of reference in item AG.

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LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT

(Use several sheets if necessary)

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB-CLASS	FILING DATE
	AA	5,012,076	April/30/1991	Yoshida			
	AB	4,105,156	Aug/8/1978	Dethloff			
	AC						
	AD						
	AE						
	AF						

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB-CLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO
	AG	A 2-1049	01/1990	Japan (USP 5,012,076 in item AA above is provided as English translation)			X
	AH						
	AI						
	AJ						

OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	AK	European Search Report for EP 96 203 461 dated September 15, 1998
	AL	P. Remery, et al. "Le paiement electronique", L Echo des RECHERCHES, No. 134, 1988 (INCLUDING ENGLISH TRANSLATION: P. Remery, et al., "The Electronic Payment", L'Echo des RECHERCHES No. 134 1988, 4 th Quarter).
	AM	The Society for the Study of the Commercialization of IC Cards, Japanese, December 1987 (INCLUDING ENGLISH TRANSLATION: "A Report by the Society for the Study of the Commercialization of IC Cards", December 1987).

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ATTACHMENT 1(f)
**LIST OF RELATED PATENTS AND
COPENDING APPLICATIONS**

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The following, prior-filed, copending U.S. patent application(s) is/are listed in accordance with the duty of disclosure provisions of 37 CFR §1.56, so that the Examiner may consider same should he deem any thereof to be material to examination of the subject application.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of pending claims of the identified copending application in item 1 below is provided.

It is requested that the Examiner acknowledge his consideration of application(s) below-listed by initialing same in the space provided adjacent each such application and that the Examiner sign and date this form at the bottom thereof to confirm such consideration having been given.

This submission in no way represents an admission that any of the information listed herein constitutes prior art with respect to the subject application and unless and until such prior art status is established, this submission is not a request that the information presented herein be printed on the face of any patent issuing from the subject application in which this information is being filed.

RELATED PENDING U.S. PATENT APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

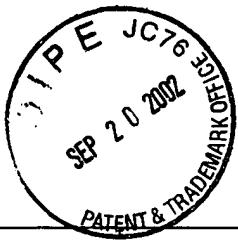
*EXAMINER INITIAL		U.S. SERIAL NO.	FILING DATE	NAME	ASSIGNEE
	1	10/045,094	01/15/02	HAYASHIDA	FUJITSU LIMITED
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RELATED U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL		Document No.	ISSUE DATE	NAME	FILING DATE
	1	5,644,118	07/1997	HAYASHIDA	04/19/96
	2	6,003,767	12/1999	HAYASHIDA	06/03/96
	3	5,949,043	09/1999	HAYASHIDA	05/16/97
	4	6,003,762	12/1999	HAYASHIDA	07/26/94
	5	6,378,775	04/30/02	HAYASHIDA	05/11/01
	6	6,257,487	07/10/01	HAYASHIDA	08/02/99

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**ATTACHMENT 1(g)**

LIST OF ADDITIONAL SUBMITTED DOCUMENTS	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	APPLICATION NO.
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It is requested that the Examiner acknowledge his consideration of document(s) below-listed by initialing same in the space provided adjacent each such application and that the Examiner sign and date this form at the bottom thereof to confirm such consideration having been given.

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.)

AA	European Patent Office, EP 0416 916, Communication of Notices of Opposition, including Grounds of Opposition and English translation of the Grounds of Opposition, May 3, 2000.
AB	European Patent Office, EP 0416 916, Communication of Notices of Opposition, May 16, 2000.
AC	Written submission provided on September 22, 2000 to European Patent Office by Applicant of the above-identified application in the May 3, 2000 Opposition of EP 0416 916 (items AA and AB above) in the European Patent Office, dated September 22, 2000.

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